



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Tom MUIR et al.

Application No. 10/784,721

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For: MULTIPLE SENSOR-CONTAINING
POLYPEPTIDES, METHODS OF
PREPARATION AND USES THEREOF

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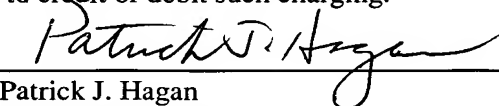
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Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a):

The undersigned hereby petitions for an extension of time of ONE (1) month beyond the time period set in the last Office Action. A check in the amount of \$60.00 to cover this fee is enclosed. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1406. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed to credit or debit such charging.


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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the election of species requirement under 35 USC §121 set forth in the Official Action dated June 28, 2006 in the above-identified application, applicants

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hereby elect, without traverse SEQ ID NO. 9 as the FRET enzyme substrate species.

It is believed that claims 51-66 and 68 read on the elected species.

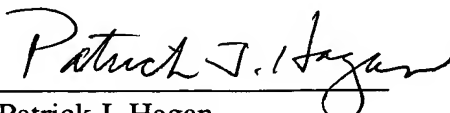
Applicants' election of the above-mentioned species in response to this requirement is without prejudice to their right to file one or more continuing applications, as provided under 35 USC §121, on the subject matter of any subject claimed matter finally held withdrawn from consideration in this application. Furthermore, this election is made with the understanding that if a generic claim is allowed, other species of FRET enzyme substrates will be subject to rejoinder.

It is noted that a shortened statutory response period of one (1) month was set in the June 26, 2006 Official Action. Accordingly, the initial response period expired July 26, 2006. A petition for a one (1) month extension of the response period is presented with this Response to Election of Species Requirement, which is being filed before the expiration of the one (1) month extension period, as August 26, 2006 fell on a Saturday.

Early and favorable action on the merits of this application is respectfully submitted.

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